

STATE OF ALASKA - DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
POLITICAL PARTIES AND POLITICAL GROUPS IN ALASKA

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RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTY – AS 15.60.010 (25)

A "political party" means an organized group of voters that represents a political program and:

- a) that nominated a candidate for governor who received at least three percent of the total votes cast for governor at the preceding general election or has registered voters in the state equal in number to at least three percent of the total votes cast for governor at the preceding general election;
- b) if the office of governor was not on the ballot at the preceding general election but the office of United States senator was on that ballot, that nominated a candidate for United States senator who received at least three percent of the total votes cast for United States senator at that general election or has registered voters in the state equal in number to at least three percent of the total votes cast for United States senator at that general election; or
- c) if neither the office of governor nor the office of United States senator was on the ballot at the preceding general election, that nominated a candidate for United States representative who received at least three percent of the total votes cast for United States representative at that general election or has registered voters in the state equal in number to at least three percent of the total votes cast for United States representative at that general election.

The 2006 General Election included the Governor's race. Political groups will be recognized as a political party if they received three percent of the total votes cast for Governor or if they have registered voters in the state equal in number to at least three percent of the total votes cast for Governor **(7,120 until the 2008 General Election)**.

Candidates of a recognized political party file a Declaration of Candidacy to participate in primary elections as required by AS 15.25.030. The successful candidate from each political party for each office appears on the general election ballot.

POLITICAL GROUPS – AS 15.60.008 and 15.60.010 (24)

A "political group" is an organized group of voters representing a political program seeking status as a recognized political party. In order to obtain recognized status, a political group must file an application with the Director of the Division of Elections requesting that the number of registered voters for their group to be tracked. The Director will recognize the group as a political party upon meeting the requirements of AS 15.60.010 (25).

Until it qualifies as a recognized political party under AS 15.60.010(25), a political group may field candidates for statewide and district-wide offices for the general election only by filing nominating petitions as required by AS 15.25.140-15.25.200. Nominating petition candidates do not participate in primary elections. An application form to begin the process to have a political group recognized is available on the Division's web site or from any Division of Elections office.

The Division produces a report each month, entitled *Number of Registered Voters by Party within Precinct*. The report lists the number of registered voters within each recognized political party and political group that has applied to obtain recognized status. The report is available on the Division's web site or from any Division of Elections office.

LIMITED POLITICAL PARTY – AS 15.30.025 and 15.60.010(15)

A "limited political party" is a political group that organizes for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors for President and Vice President of the United States. A group may file a petition to become a limited political party, and maintains this status in the State of Alaska if its presidential candidate receives at least 3% of the votes cast for President. An application and sample petition page to form a limited political party is available on the Division's web site or from any Division of Elections office (contact information on the following page).

There are currently no Limited Political Parties in Alaska for the Presidential Election in 2008.